

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2012

Present

Rich Cirillo Al Giansanti
Dave Kennedy Bob Appleby
Pam Henry
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Timothy Allen
Peter Lee
Jim Burke

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approve the October 15, 2012 minutes as amended.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Page 1 3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence

Art *Christian* asked the Commission permission for gym use on Saturday afternoons on December 8, 15, 22 January 5 and 12. He would like to hold pickup basketball games for older teens.

Page 2 f. Parking Lot at Round Hill Road

Al *Giansanti* will locate the electric in the parking lot by the end of the year.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

None

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Elections

M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to nominate Susan Spang for the position of Recreation Commission Chairperson. Vote: approved unanimously.

M/S/C (Spang/Henry) to nominate Robert Appleby for the position of Recreation Commission Vice-Chairperson. Vote: approved unanimously.

M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to nominate Richard Cirillo for the position of Secretary. Vote: approved unanimously.

b. Unsung Hero

The Unsung Hero award was discussed.

c. Village Center Zone

Discussion took place on the Village Center Zone. S. Spang explained a public hearing will be held at a future date. P&Z asked for written feedback from committees that would have concerns with the regulations.

The Commission discussed the following:

The Recreation Complex on Round Hill Road should be exempt the regulations; houses directly across the street from the complex are not included. This would include all dugouts, sheds (storage units), fencing.

The map should be adjusted accordingly.

Doors are stated in the regulations as “no flat steel doors; no cinder block buildings” which both are used for the concession stand. If the concession stand was to change in the future, these items would not be able to be used for construction.

The Commission felt only properties facing Hartford Road (Rt. 85) should be within the zone. It should only be approximately 1000 feet from the front Road (Hartford Road) within the line of sight. They felt as though the footage is too deep. They questioned if a property was subdivided and the lots are all in the zone, then possible back lots that are not seen from the front road would have to conform to the regulations.

The Multi-Purpose Path is included in the zone and it should not be.

d. Tree Lighting

The tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012 from 4:00 to 6:00PM. There will be eight grade “elves” to help with the event. S.Spang asked that members arrive around 3:00PM for set up.

The Historical Society will be open for the evening.

e. Ball Field Damage

The batting cage was damaged during the hurricane; S. Spang asked that the baseball commission not replace it yet until a response is back from FEMA.

f. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported the AARP Driver’s Safety class took place this morning and there will be a NYC bus trip on December 8th.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Forsyth Road** – B. Appleby inquired if the parking lot would be asphalted in the spring. He asked if he should have a company do it instead of public works.

B. Appleby requested if “No Parking” signs could be put up along the fence on Forsyth Road so people would not park on the road.

- b. Baseball-** D. Kennedy reported clinics will be starting and they are open to everyone in town.

Signups will be at the end of January. There will be a presentation in January for a player that has played ball consecutively.

The repair work for the major league field was discussed at the baseball meeting; no conclusion was made. If the repair is to be done, no fall ball will take place on the field. D. Kennedy and A. Giansanti stated other town’s fields could be used. Recreation will pay for the repair from the allotment that is given to baseball yearly.

- c. Soccer** – Sunday clinics are being held; the middle school soccer teams have done well and Salem is represented very well for the East Lyme High School team.

- d. Basketball-** Chris Pugliese informed S. Spang approximately 70 children are involved in the Recreation Basketball League.

- e. Tennis** – The nets will be taken down.

- f. Multi-purpose Path** – S. Spang reported the meeting with the National Park Service and the Eight Mile River Committee went very well. The vehicle bridge passed and S. Spang will receive a letter in writing from the National Park Service stating that. DEEP will be the next step.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

S. Spang stated if badminton was to run on Sunday afternoons, a responsible party would need to run the program.

It was mentioned to S. Spang by the First Selectman, Kevin Lyden about the possibility of replacement play scape for the Round Hill Road complex be put in to the Board of Finance as a Capitol Project.

The parking lot will be completed by public works. S. Spang will inquire as to when this will take place.

S. Spang and P. Henry attended the Connecticut Parks and Recreation Conference today.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Language for Adult Gym Use** – S. Spang thought that maybe Manchester or Newington might have language that they use for this purpose; R. Cirillo will research.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Cirillo/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary